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In re Application of:

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Title: Supported Late Transition Metal
Catalyst Systems

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2002, Applicant offers the following claim clarifications and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

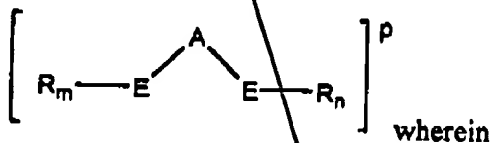
Please amend the claims as follows. A marked-up version of the claims in attached in APPENDIX A: "CLAIMS MARKED-UP TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

1. (Amended Five Times) A late transition metal catalyst system for olefin polymerization comprising: I.) a Group-9, -10 or -11 metal connected to a bidentate ligand, wherein a catalyst precursor has the formula:

LMX, wherein:

(a) M is a Group 9, 10 or 11 metal;

(b) L is a bidentate ligand defined by the formula:



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